

# Sequences and Parallelism

# Section 1

## The Sequence Library

# The List-Tree Duality

- Lists are convenient because their elements are in linear order, and can be easily indexed
- Trees are nice because they more easily support parallelism



Can we have a data structure which combines the better features of both?

- We've defined a signature SEQUENCE, containing an abstract type 'a seq and a variety of operations on seqs.
- We've implemented Seq :> SEQUENCE such that the functions meets the bounds specified in the documentation
- How's it implemented? Who cares?
- By analogy to lists, we'll write sequences as

$$\langle 1, 3, \sim 7, 2, 6, 4 \rangle : \text{int Seq.seq}$$

This is a mathematical notation, *not* SML syntax.

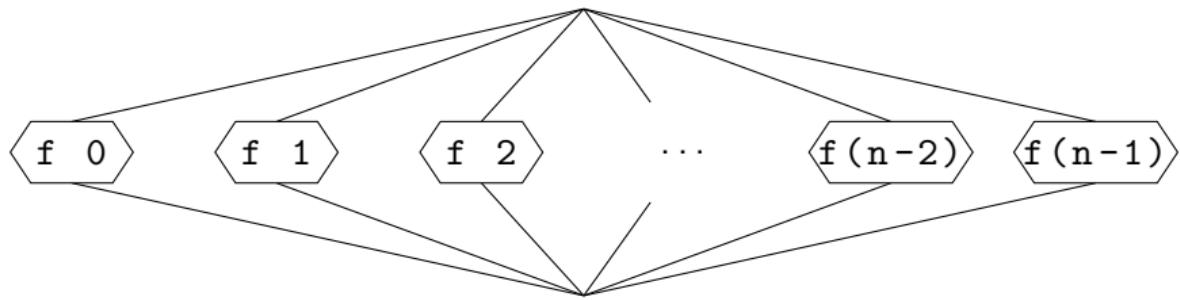
## 20.1

```
1 val empty : unit -> 'a seq
2 val singleton : 'a -> 'a seq
3 val fromList : 'a list -> 'a seq
4 val tabulate : (int -> 'a) -> int -> 'a seq
```

## 20.2

```
1 val nth : 'a seq -> int -> 'a
2 val null : 'a seq -> bool
3 val length : 'a seq -> int
4 val toList : 'a seq -> 'a list
5 val toString : ('a -> string) -> 'a seq ->
   string
6 val equal : ('a * 'a -> bool) -> 'a seq * 'a
   seq -> bool
```

# tabulate cost graph



$$W_{\text{tabulate}}(n) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} W_{f(i)}$$

$$S_{\text{tabulate}}(n) = \max_{i=0}^{n-1} S_{f(i)}$$

# Using tabulate

rev : 'a Seq.seq -> 'a Seq.seq

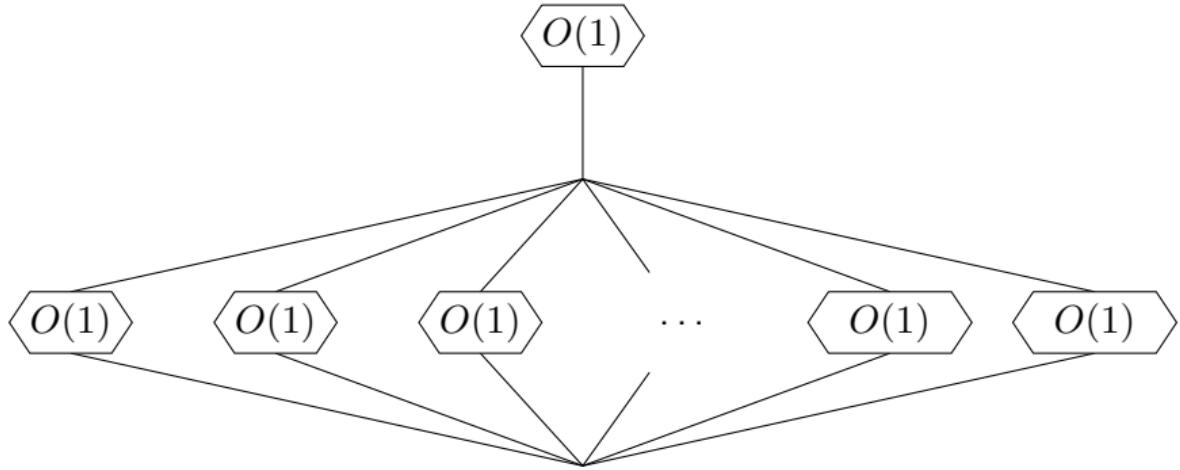
REQUIRES: true

ENSURES: rev S evaluates to a sequence S' containing the exact same elements as S, in reverse order

## 20.5

```
1 fun rev S =
2   let
3     val n = Seq.length S (* O(1) *)
4   in
5     (* O(n) work, O(1) span *)
6     Seq.tabulate (fn i => Seq.nth S (n-i-1)) n
7   end
```

# Analysis



$$W_{\text{rev}}(n) = O(n) \quad S_{\text{rev}}(n) = O(1)$$

# Using tabulate

```
append : 'a Seq.seq * 'a Seq.seq -> 'a Seq.  
seq
```

REQUIRES: true

ENSURES: append(S1, S2) evaluates to a sequence S'  
containing the elements of S1, followed by the elements of S2

# Using tabulate

20.6

```
1 fun append(S1, S2) =
2   let
3     (* O(1) *)
4     val m = Seq.length S1
5     val n = Seq.length S2
6
7     (* O(1) *)
8     fun f i =
9       case i < m of
10        true => Seq.nth S1 i
11        | false => Seq.nth S2 (i - m)
12     in
13       (* O(n+m) work, O(1) span *)
14       Seq.tabulate f (m + n)
15   end
```

```

1  val filter
2    : ('a -> bool) -> 'a seq -> 'a seq
3  val map
4    : ('a -> 'b) -> 'a seq -> 'b seq
5  val reduce
6    : ('a * 'a -> 'a) -> 'a -> 'a seq -> 'a
7  val reduce1
8    : ('a * 'a -> 'a) -> 'a seq -> 'a
9  val mapreduce
10   : ('a -> 'b) -> 'b -> ('b * 'b -> 'b)
11   -> 'a seq -> 'b

```

`Seq.filter p ⟨x0, x1, x2, ..., x(n-1)⟩`

$$W = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} W_{p(x_i)} + k \log(n)$$

$$S = \max_{i=0}^{n-1} S_{p(x_i)} + k \log(n)$$

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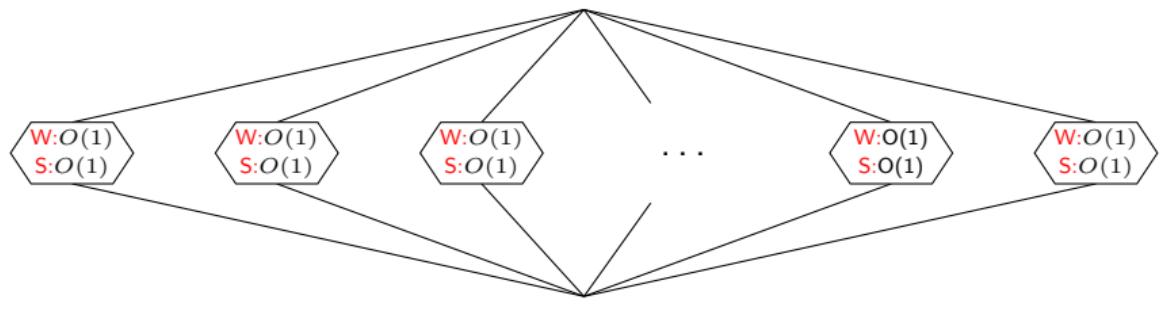
```

`Seq.map f ⟨x0, x1, x2, ..., x(n-1)⟩`

$$W = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} W_{f(x_i)}$$

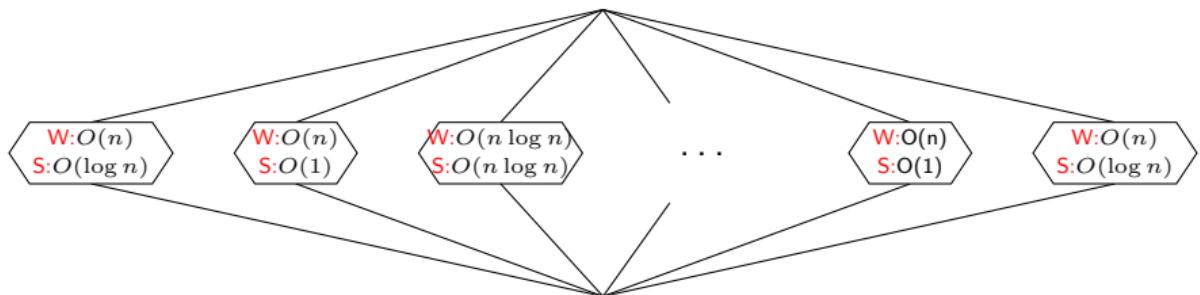
$$S = \max_{i=0}^{n-1} S_{f(x_i)}$$

# Mapping with a constant-time function



$$W = O(n) \quad S = O(1)$$

# Mapping with a non-constant-time function



$$W = O(n^2) \quad S = O(n \log n)$$

## 20.3

```
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3  val map
4    : ('a -> 'b) -> 'a seq -> 'b seq
5  val reduce
6    : ('a * 'a -> 'a) -> 'a -> 'a seq -> 'a
7  val reduce1
8    : ('a * 'a -> 'a) -> 'a seq -> 'a
9  val mapreduce
10   : ('a -> 'b) -> 'b -> ('b * 'b -> 'b)
11    -> 'a seq -> 'b
```

## reduce

```
reduce : ('a * 'a -> 'a) -> 'a list -> 'a Seq  
.seq -> 'a
```

REQUIRES:  $g$  is total and associative: for all  $a, b, c$ ,

$$g(g(a, b), c) \cong g(a, g(b, c))$$

ENSURES:

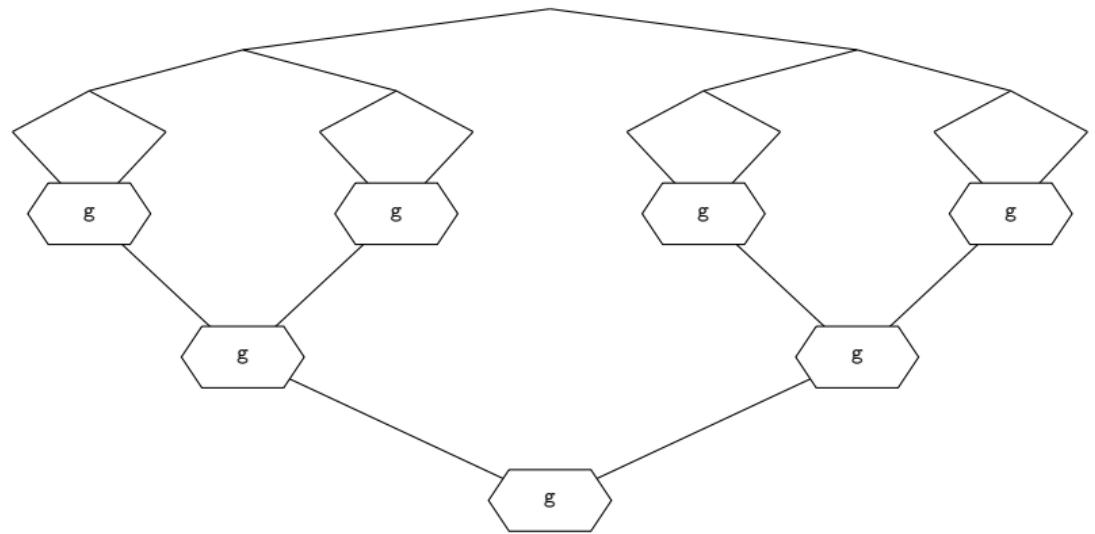
$$\text{Seq.reduce } g \ z \ S \cong \text{foldr } g \ z \ (\text{Seq.toList } S)$$

```
reduce g z ⟨x1, x2, x3, x4, x5, x6, x7⟩
```

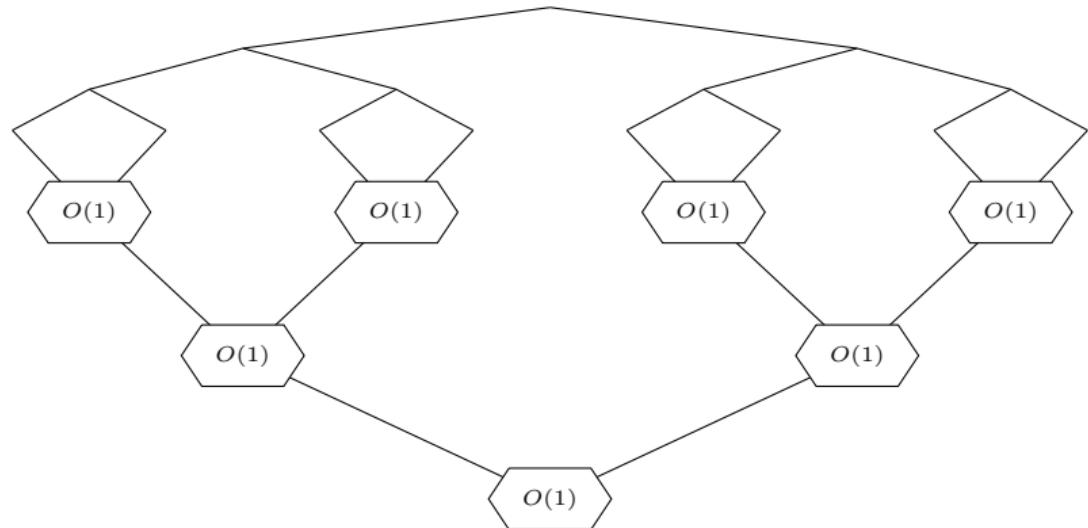
$$\cong g(x_1, g(x_2, g(x_3, g(x_4, g(x_5, g(x_6, g(x_7, z)))))))$$

$$\cong g(g(g(x_1, x_2), g(x_3, x_4)), g(g(x_5, x_6), g(x_7, z)))$$

# reduce cost graph



# reduce with a constant-time function

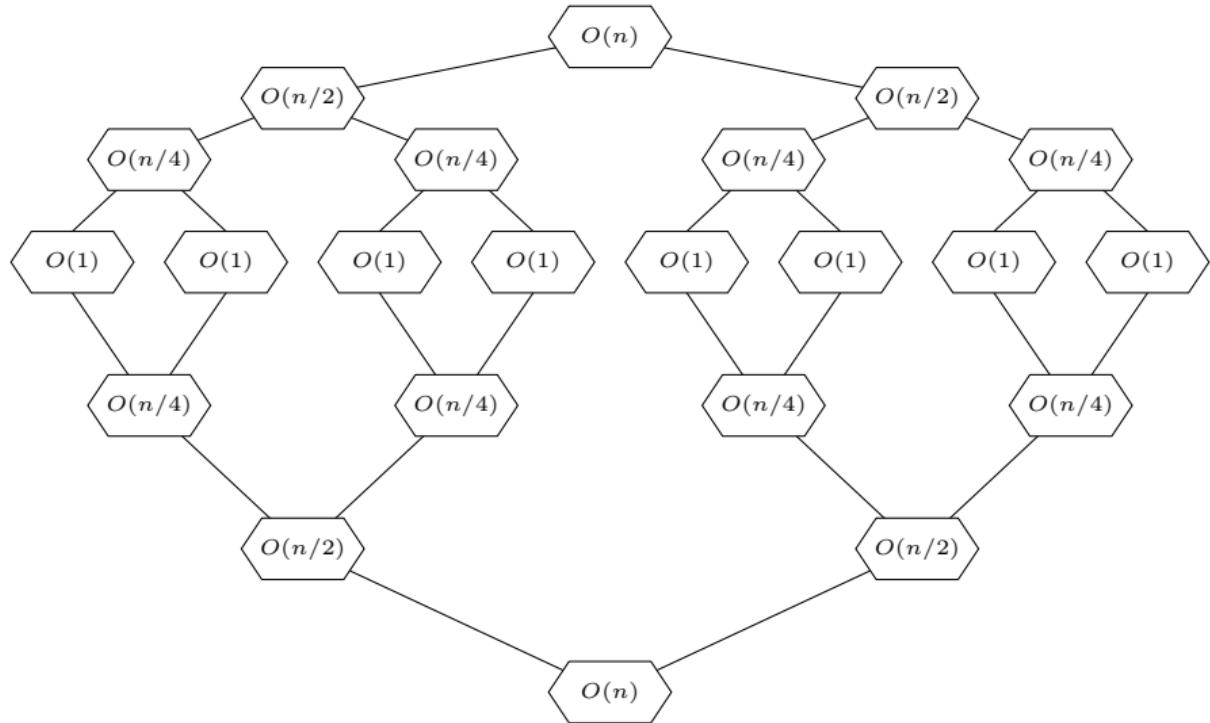


$$W = O(n) \quad S = O(\log n)$$

20.7

```
1 val sum = Seq.reduce op + 0
```

# List msort work/span (assuming cmp $O(1)$ )



# Sorting using reduce

20.4

```
1  val sort
2    : ('a * 'a -> order) -> 'a seq -> 'a seq
3  val merge
4    : ('a * 'a -> order) -> 'a seq * 'a seq ->
   'a seq
```

Assuming `cmp` is  $O(1)$ , then `merge cmp (S1, S2)` has runtime

$$W(m, n) = O(m + n)$$

$$S(m, n) = O(\log(m + n))$$

where  $m = |S1|$  and  $n = |S2|$ .

# Sorting using reduce

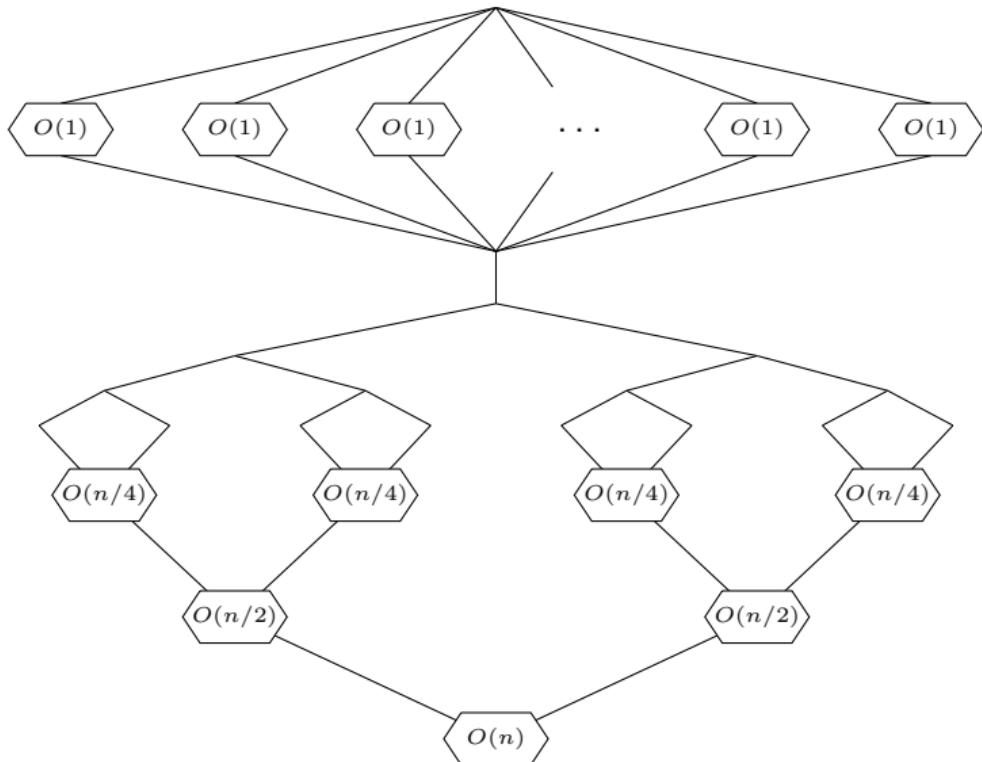
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   'a seq
```

20.8

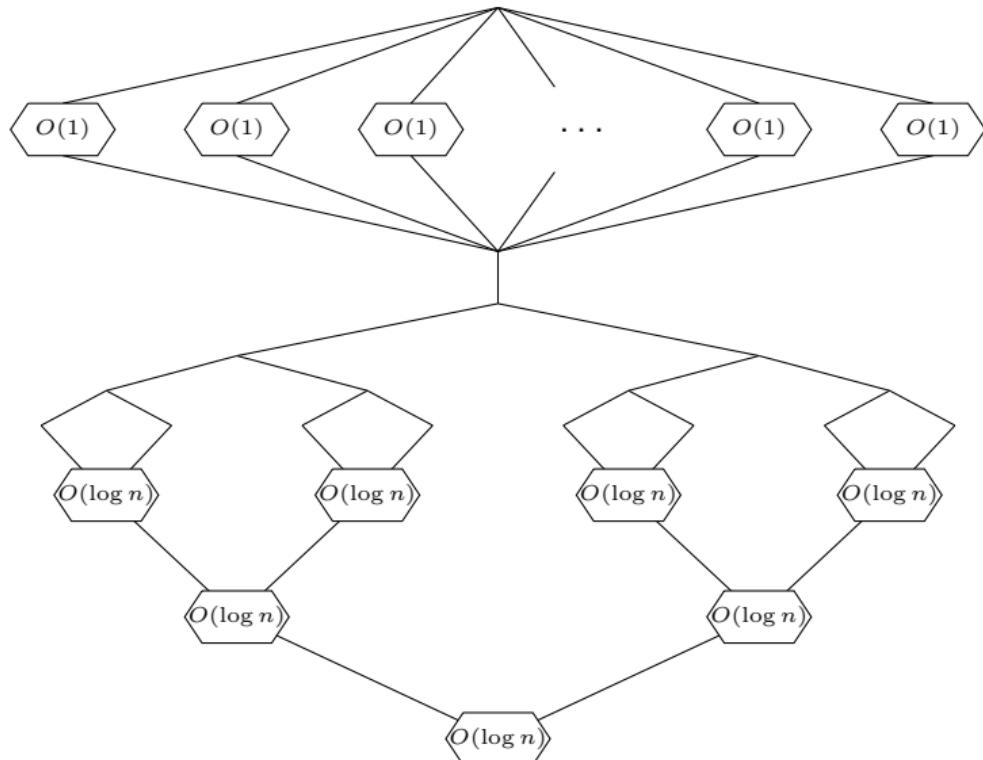
```
1  fun msort cmp S =
2    let
3      (* O(n) work, O(1) span *)
4      val singletons =
5        Seq.map Seq.singleton S
6    in
7      Seq.reduce (Seq.merge cmp)
8        (Seq.empty ()) singletons
9    end
```

# Work



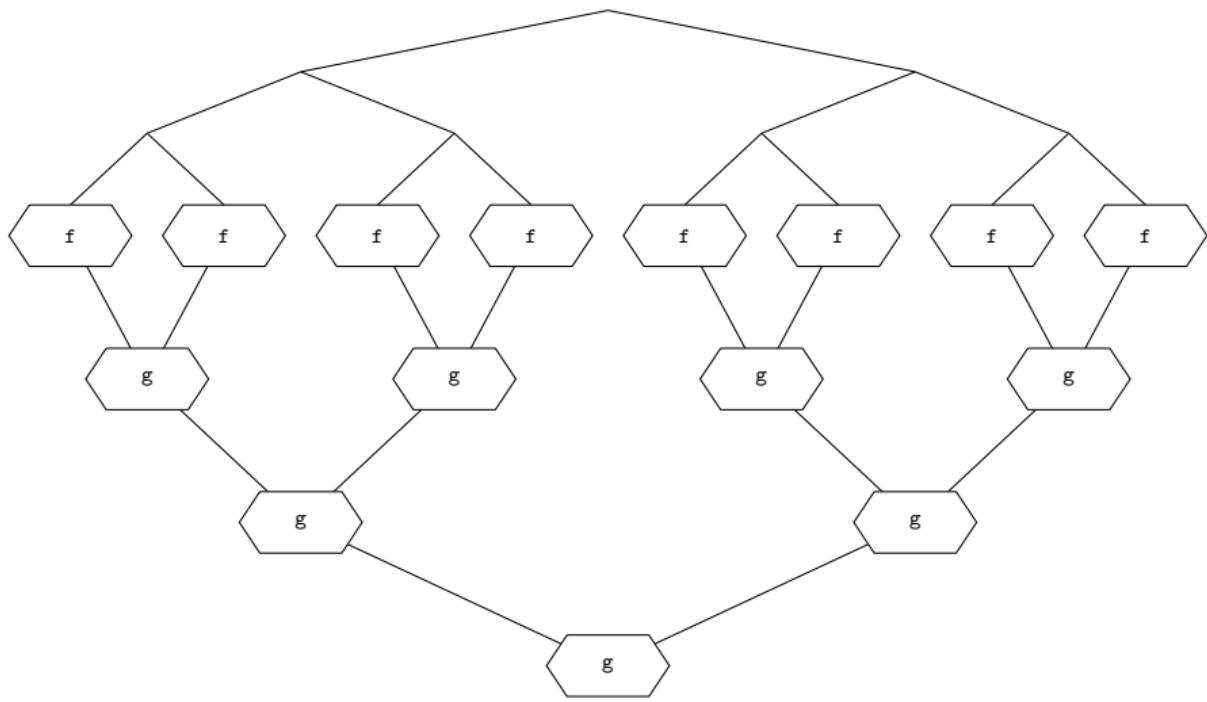
$$W = O(n \log n)$$

# Span



$$S = O((\log n)^2)$$

Seq.mapreduce f z g S



# Sorting using mapreduce

20.4

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1  val sort
2    : ('a * 'a -> order) -> 'a seq -> 'a seq
3  val merge
4    : ('a * 'a -> order) -> 'a seq * 'a seq ->
   'a seq
```

20.9

```
1  fun msorz cmp =
2    Seq.mapreduce
3      Seq.singleton
4      (Seq.empty ())
5      (Seq.merge cmp)
```

## Section 2

Views

# Sequences are like lists

In the SEQUENCE signature, the following type is declared:

20.10

```
1 datatype 'a lview = Nil  
2                         | Cons of 'a * 'a seq
```

with the following values

20.11

```
1 val showl : 'a seq -> 'a lview  
2 val hidel : 'a lview -> 'a seq
```

# Slow filter

20.12

```
1 fun filt1 p S =
2     case (Seq.showl S) of
3         Seq.Nil => Seq.empty ()
4     | (Seq.Cons(x, xs)) =>
5         if p x
6             then Seq.hidel(
7                 Seq.Cons(x, filt1 p xs))
8             else filt1 p xs
```

This has  $O(n^2)$  work, and  $O(n)$  span, assuming  $p$  is constant-time.

# Sequential filter

```
fun filt1' p =
  Seq.fromList
  o (List.filter p)
  o (Seq.toList)
```

This has  $O(n)$  work, and  $O(n)$  span, assuming  $p$  is constant-time.

# Sequences are like trees

In the SEQUENCE signature, the following type is declared:

20.13

```
1 datatype 'a tview = Empty  
2           | Leaf of 'a  
3           | Node of 'a seq * 'a seq
```

with the following values

20.14

```
1 val showt : 'a seq -> 'a tview  
2 val hidet : 'a tview -> 'a seq
```

# Parallel filter

20.15

```
1 fun filt2 p S =
2   case (Seq.showt S) of
3     Seq.Empty => Seq.empty ()
4   | (Seq.Leaf x) => if p x
5     then Seq.singleton x
6     else Seq.empty ()
7   | (Seq.Node(L,R)) =>
8     Seq.hidet(
9       Seq.Node(filt2 p L,filt2 p R)
10    )
```

This has  $O(n \log n)$  work, and  $O(\log n)$  span, assuming  $p$  is constant-time.

# Parallel filter

20.16

```
1 fun filt3 p =
2   Seq.mapreduce Seq.singleton
3     (Seq.empty()) Seq.append
4 end
```

This has  $O(n \log n)$  work, and  $O(\log n)$  span, assuming  $p$  is constant-time.

# Can we have both?

Is there a way to implement `filter` with the best of all these implementations (i.e.  $O(n)$  work and  $O(\log n)$  span, assuming `p` is constant-time)?

Yes, you'll learn about it in 15-210. You may assume that this is how ours is implemented (the sequence reference gives these time bounds).

Thank you!